

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A device for managing metadata comprising:

a disc drive unit that picks up and outputs audio contents content and metadata recorded on a disc, the audio content associated with the metadata,

wherein priorities are assigned to attributes of metadata of the audio contents according to a characteristic of the audio contents, the characteristic of the audio contents based on a predetermined metadata of the audio contents, and

wherein the metadata for a specific audio content are read to extract attributes of the metadata for the specific audio content from the disc, and the priorities for the read metadata associated with the audio content are then set assigned to the read metadata according to the corresponding assigned priorities assigned to audio contents having a characteristic that is the same as a characteristic of the audio content read from the disc.

2. (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the read metadata are displayed according to the set-priorities for the attributes of the metadata.

3. (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device further comprises:

a control unit that controls the operations of playing back the audio content read by the disc drive unit according to the selection of a user and that provides the user with the metadata for the audio content being played;

a metadata determination unit that receives the metadata for the selected-audio content from the control unit to extract the attributes of the metadata and that determines the priorities for the metadata according to the assigned priorities assigned to audio contents having the characteristic that is the same as the characteristic of the audio content; and

a display unit that displays a predetermined application program for playing back the audio content under control of the control unit and that displays predetermined metadata determined by the metadata determination unit through the application program.

4. (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:

a decoder that decodes the audio content read by the disc drive unit and that outputs the decoded audio content in the form of an original audio signal; and

an input unit that generates a predetermined selection signal according to the user's selection and that outputs the generated signal to the control unit.

5. (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the priorities for the attributes of the metadata of the specific-audio content are set according to the corresponding assigned attributes of metadata priorities assigned to audio contents having the characteristic that is the same as the characteristic of the audio content, a predetermined

matching table is created which contains a metadata list associating priorities to the respective attributesmetadata.

6. (currently amended): A method of managing metadata on a media player by a media player, comprising the steps of:

assigning priorities to attributes of metadata of audio contents according to characteristics a characteristic of the audio contents, the characteristic of the audio contents based on a predetermined metadata of the audio contents;

reading the metadata for of a specific audio content;

extracting the attributes of the read metadata of the specific audio content;

classifying assigning the extracted metadata attributes priorities according to corresponding assigned priorities assigned to audio contents having the characteristic that is the same as the characteristic of the specific audio content and setting the priority priorities of the extracted metadata attributes according to the corresponding assigned to be the same as the priorities assigned to audio contents having a characteristic that is the same as a characteristic of the specific audio content; and

displaying, by a playback device, the metadata for the specific audio content according to the set assigned priorities.

7. (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the characteristic of the audio contents is a genre of the audio contents, and

wherein the priorities of the attributes of the metadata are assigned based on the genre of the audio contents.

8. (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the step of classifying assigning the priorities for the extracted metadata attributes according to the corresponding assigned priorities assigned to audio contents having the characteristic that is the same as the characteristic of the specific audio content of attributes of the metadata comprises the step of creating a predetermined matching table that contains a metadata list associating priorities to the respective attributes metadata, and

wherein the step of setting the priorities for the extracted metadata comprises setting the priority of the extracted metadata attributes based on the created matching table.

9. (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the step of displaying the metadata for the specific audio content comprises displaying a part of the metadata according to the set priorities.

10. (currently amended): A method of managing metadata on a media player by a media player, comprising the steps of:

selecting meta-data metadata of an audio content to be displayed, the metadata of the audio content selected based on a characteristic of the audio content, the characteristic based on a predetermined metadata of the audio content;

reading the selected meta-data metadata; and

displaying, by a playback device, the read meta data metadata according to priorities of attributes of the read meta data metadata,

wherein the priorities of the attributes metadata of the audio content are assigned to the read metadata based on priorities assigned to audio contents having a characteristic that is the same as a characteristics of the audio content.

11. (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the meta data metadata are displayed when the audio content is selected.

12. (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the step of reading the meta data comprises the steps of:

reading meta data metadata of the audio content; and  
classifying the meta data metadata of the audio content to be displayed according to the priorities of the attributes of the read out meta data metadata.

13. (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the attributes of the metadata comprise at least one of a singer, an album title, a composer, a songwriter, a player, a conductor, and an arranger.

14. (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the priorities of the attributes of the metadata of the specific audio contents content are automatically assigned according to the corresponding to be the same as priorities of the attributes of the metadata of the

~~audio contents set according to the characteristics of the audio contents having the characteristic that is the same as the characteristic of the audio content.~~

15. (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the read metadata are displayed according to the set priorities for ~~the attributes of~~ the read metadata, and wherein ~~the attributes of~~ the read metadata comprise at least one of a singer, an album title, a composer, a songwriter, a player, a conductor, and an arranger.